

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

9. (Currently Amended) A method of operating a home digital audiovisual information recording and playback apparatus, said apparatus having a touch screen and a set of electronic circuits managed by a central processor using a multitask operating system, the method comprising:

displaying menus with user-selectable system operation options, wherein a karaoke mode is accessible through a specific button to be touched on said touch screen;

enabling a selection of desired audiovisual information for reproduction;

effecting payment for the desired audiovisual information;

inputting a user personal identification number;

downloading from a main server the desired audiovisual information only after payment has been effected and a valid personal identification number has been supplied;

using said multitask operating system in order to reproduce audiovisual information during the downloading step;

using an audio control circuit as a D/A converter in order to receive a signal from a microphone connected to a microphone input connector for enabling karaoke to be performed using said apparatus.

10. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 9, further comprising:

using in alternation two so-called first buffers for storing sound data; and

using in alternation two so-called second buffers for storing video data.